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August 23, 2018

The Honorable Walter Jones  
2333 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jones,

On behalf of Fix the Debt, I am pleased to announce that you have been named a 2018 Fiscal Hero. You have truly stood out among your peers and been a rare voice of fiscal responsibility during irresponsible times. Thank you for standing strong and fighting for our nation's future and bottom line.

Trillion-dollar deficits will soon return, interest costs are projected to triple within a decade, and debt is on a path to surpass the size of the economy. Our fiscal situation is dire indeed. If we fail to correct our unsustainable fiscal trajectory, rising debt will suppress economic growth, degrade our standard of living, deteriorate the financial security of American families, crowd out important investments, and harm the country's reputation around the world. Unfortunately, during a period of economic strength, your peers in Congress have enacted unpaid for tax cuts and spending increases that account for almost half of next year's deficit, exacerbating an already ominous outlook.

This context makes your holding the line on fiscal issues even more impressive. It is critical to recognize the important efforts of members of Congress who work to improve the nation's fiscal situation, and we are grateful that you have not succumbed to the epidemic of fiscal irresponsibility running rampant in Washington, DC. We are hopeful that you will continue to be a leader and help to turn the tide. Again, thank you for being a 2018 Fiscal Hero.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Maya MacGuineas', is written over a light gray circular background.

Maya MacGuineas  
Head, Fix the Debt